Chapter 13 Response

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After reading this chapter and being in this course, I have learned a lot about what makes up a "high quality teacher". High quality teachers communicate with parents regularly. Maybe through parent-teacher conferences, email, phone calls etc. They also communicate with other teachers and administration in the school for help and advice. I think it's important to learn from others especially if you are a new teacher. It's good to have friends and mentors in your profession to guide you. As you get older and more experienced you can help guide new teachers and share your knowledge to help each other be the best teachers you can be. High quality teachers plan lessons, manage instruction, and assess student progress. They use evidence based practice in order to be reflective before, during, and after teaching. High quality teachers know the content they are teaching, they know the students they are teaching and how each student learns and what strategies work for each student. They recognize when a student is struggling and help the student adapt. They know how to effectively manage their classroom, what students work best together, which students shouldn’t sit next to each other etc. They know how to connect the lesson and what they are teaching to the student's background. They understand that each student has a different background and is diverse in their own way. They show appreciation for cultural diversity. They don’t discriminate against different races, ethnicities, disabilities etc. They constantly change and improve with their students and the times. They don’t put their stubbornness or reluctantly to change before their students. They stay up to date with technology and social media so they can connect with their students and make lessons more fun and interesting for them. They look out for students who may be "troubled" or getting bullied and make sure they know that they always have a person to turn to. High quality teachers actively participate in their profession. They may join a union, or attend workshops. High quality teachers put their profession first and always have their student's best interests in mind. They are flexible, optimistic, progressive, and innovative. They have a passion for teaching and build relationships with students, parents, and other teachers. They are always working to improve themselves and exhibit excitement in the classroom and lessons every day. High quality teachers care.